Assembly Rules did not also provide for election among the Cheramars who numbered about 4 lakhs, while they provided for election of members from other communities. The Rules should be amended and at least 6 seats in the Assembly should be reserved for the Cheramars.

Lastly, the Cheramar *Sangham* should be allowed to return one member to the Legislative Council.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Paradi Abraham Isaac, I have listened to all your representations and they will be borne in mind. Regarding your suggestion that you should not in future be called 'Pulayas' but be called 'Cheramars', I have but one observation to make. Not many days ago in this very hall a large assemblage of Pulayas objected in the strongest possible terms to have their name 'Pulaya' changed to 'Cheramar'. Unless and until the community speaks with one voice in the matter, it is not possible to impose a change upon the community as a whole.

199. Needs of the Kaniyars.

MR. M. K. PADMANABHA KANIYAR (*Member, Nominated*) pleaded for the freer recruitment of qualified Kaniyar youths to the public service and also for the promotion of those already in service. In Travancore, public service was considered very important and qualified youths waiting for appointments in Government service were increasing in large numbers. Among them the Kaniyars had no chance of encouragement in any department. Although the Government had issued circulars for the encouragement of the backward communities, no tangible effect was produced. The Kaniyars were poor, most loyal and law-abiding. There had been as yet no Kaniyar convicts. The number of qualified men among them was only about twenty-five. One of them had passed the School Final Examination and was employed as a copyist in the Trivandrum Division Cutcherry. He had put in a service of about seven years but he had not yet been given a promotion. Another was a *munshi* in a Malayalam School but he got no transfer to an English School in spite of several representations. Of the 112 grant-in-aid *vaidyans* in the State, only five were from the Kaniyar community. Although 10 new *vaidyasalas* were being opened every year, no Kaniyar *vaidyan* had been appointed during the past two years. The Government should pay greater attention to the encouragement of Kaniyars in the public service.

One Kaniyar should be nominated to every session of the Assembly. There was no Kaniyar who was paying a land tax of Rs.50. There was therefore no chance of a Kaniyar member being returned from any of the general constituencies. Nomination was the only hope and the Government should pay particular attention to that.

Lastly, one member from among the Kaniyars should be nominated to the Legislative Council during the next general election.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Your representations will be duly considered.

The Assembly was prorogued at 3-52 P. M.

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